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For: ULTRASONIC VIBRATION APPARATUS USE AS A SENSOR HAVING A
PIEZOELECTRIC ELEMENT MOUNTED IN A CYLINDRICAL CASING AND

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 114, of the above-identified application.

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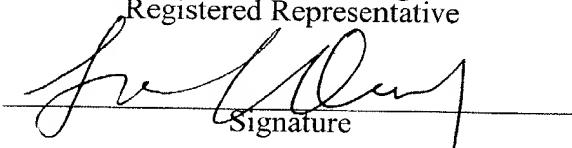
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